(v) B. Sc. Physiotherapy Course.

(vi) Diploma Course in Prosthetic and Orthotic Engineering.

(vii) Syllabus and Curriculum for Leprosy Physiotherapy Technicians.

(viii) Diploma for Course in Special Education (Mental Retardation)

(ix) Course for Training Teachers of Visually Handicapped Children at Primary Level.

(x) Course for Training Teachers of Visually Handicapped Children at Secondary Level.

Short Courses

(xi) Syllabus and Curriculum for Development of Teachers of Integrated School for the Disabled (18 days duration).

(xii) Certificate Course in Rehabilitation for Employment Officers (one month duration).

(xiii) Course in Mental Retardation for Psychologists (3 months duration).

(xiv) Course in Mental Retardation for Social Workers (one month duration).

(B) Training Courses Developed During 1987-88—

(i) Syllabus and Curriculum for Development to Bachelor of Social Work-Rehabilitation.

(ii) Diploma in Social Work-Rehabilitation.

(iii) Composite Course on Employment/Vocational Counselling and Social Work for the Handicapped.

(iv) Degree Course in Vocational Counselling.

(v) Certificate Course for Multi-Purpose Rehabilitation Workers (1-1/2 Years duration).

(vi) Syllabus and Curriculum for Certificate Course in Rehabilitation for Teachers.

(vii) Orientation Course in Rehabilitation of Locomotor Handicapped persons for Employment Officers and Vocational Guidance Officers.

(viii) Orientation Course in Rehabilitation of Locomotor Handicapped Persons for Social Workers.

(ix) Orientation and Mobility Training Course.

(x) Orientation Training Course for Clinical Psychologists for Visually Handicapped.

(xi) Course in Visual Handicapped for Social Workers.

(xii) Short Course on Training of Psychologists in the field of Locomotor Handicapped.

Construction of memorial of late MGR

2164. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a memorial on the tomb of Bharat Ratna M.G.R. of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in commencement of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) The Government of Tamil Nadu has decided to have a competition for the architectural design for the memorial of late Shri M. G. Ramachandran. The last date for receipt of entries, with designs and plans for

the construction of the samadhi, is 31-8-88. A committee will thereafter be constituted by the Government of Tamil Nadu to select the best among the entries, after which the construction work of the samadhi will be taken up.

समाचार पत्रों के प्रतिनिधियों की जान को खतरा

2165. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) समाचार पत्रों के प्रतिनिधियों की जान के खतरे को देखते हुए क्या उनकी सुरक्षा के लिए कोई प्रशासनिक उपाय किये गये हैं; और

(ख) क्या ऐसी कोई बीमा योजना है जिसके अधीन समाचार पत्रों के प्रतिनिधियों का व्यक्तिगत रूप से बीमा कराये बिना उन्हें बीमा की सुविधा प्राप्त होगी ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री एच० के० एल० भगत) : (क) पत्रकारों की सुरक्षा की जिम्मेदारी अन्य नागरिकों की भांति राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों के प्रशासनों की है और इस प्रकार यह राज्य का विषय है। तथापि, सरकार की प्रैस की स्वतंत्रता के प्रति दृढ़ वचनबद्धता के अनुसरण में, यह मंत्रालय ने पत्रकारों को पर्याप्त सुरक्षा प्रदान करने के लिए फरवरी, 1984 में राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों को हिदायतें जारी की। अप्रैल, 1986 में उस मंत्रालय ने फिर यह मामला राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के साथ उठाया।

(ख) पत्रकार भी अन्य कर्मचारियों की भांति कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा अधिनियम के अधीन लागू कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा सुविधाएं प्राप्त करने के हकदार हैं।

Eviction of Pavement and Slum-Dwellers

2166. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is a signatory to Vancouver declaration 1976 and if so, whether the provisions of the declaration are enforced in the country;

(b) whether a recent seminar of non-Governmental Organisations from all over the world adopted a resolution against forceful eviction of pavement and sum-dwellers in Calcutta; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue any directions to the West Bengal Government to stop eviction of shelterless people without providing alternative accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) In 1976, representatives of 139 Governments met at Habitat (United Nations Conference on Human Settlements), Vancouver, Canada to demonstrate their willingness to acknowledge and collectively discuss problems relating to human settlements. The Vancouver declaration on Human Settlements is not an International Treaty and, therefore, the question of India being a signatory thereto, does not arise. However, India being member of the UN Commission of Human Settlements is committed to its objectives.

(b) Preceding the recently concluded 11th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements in New Delhi from 6—12 April, 1988 the Habitat International Coalition, an international association of Non-Governmental Organisations organised a two day Seminar in New Delhi in which they issued a statement condeming the forced eviction anywhere. In